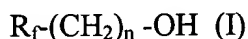


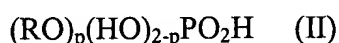
Please add the following new claim:

--16. A dewetting composition, consisting essentially of a solution of at least one surface-active agent in a mixture of at least one fluorinated solvent and of at least one water-immiscible polyfluorinated alcohol of formula:

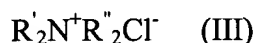


in which n is equal to 1 or 2 and R_f represents a linear or branched perfluoroalkyl radical containing from 4 to 8 carbon atoms,

wherein the surface-active agent consists of a cationic surface-active agent obtained by reaction of a mono- or dialkyl phosphoric acid of formula:



in which p is a number ranging from 1 to 2 and R denotes a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 1 to 18 carbon atoms, with a quaternary ammonium chloride of formula:



in which R' and R'' , which are identical or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl radical containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and a fluorinated amine of formula:



in which R_f represents a linear perfluoroalkyl radical containing from 2 to 20 carbon atoms, X represents a divalent bridge and the symbols R^1 and R^2 , which are identical or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl or hydroxyalkyl radical containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

further wherein said composition does not exhibit a flash point under standard determination conditions (ASTM standard D 3828) and wherein the fluorinated solvent is a saturated or unsaturated fluorinated hydrocarbon containing from 3 to 6 carbon atoms.--

Also attached hereto is a separate sheet containing new claim 16.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-8 and 11-15 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 1, 14 and 15 have been amended, claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled and new claim 16 has been added.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the contents of cancelled claims 9 and 10. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 1 instead of cancelled claims 9 and 10, respectively. New claim 16 combines the features of original claim 1 (i.e., as it read prior to the instant Amendment) and claim 7.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new issues are raised by this Amendment because the features added to claim 1 are found in already-considered claims and the contents of new claim 16 combines features found in already-considered claims. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

Claims 1-4, 6 and 9-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,957,672 to Zisman et al. ("Zisman"), and claims 1-3 and 7-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zisman in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,514,301 to Bil et al ("Bil").